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**Letter dated 16 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In my capacity as the representative of the current chairman of the African Union, I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué issued by the thirty-eighth meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, held on 14 September 2005, in New York, concerning the situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 16 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

## Communiqué of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Peace and Security Council

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union held its thirty-eighth meeting in New York on 14 September 2005.

The meeting, which was held at the level of Heads of State and Government, received and considered a report by the African Union mediation team on the latest developments in Côte d'Ivoire.

*The Peace and Security Council*,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the African Union mediation team;

2. *Commends* President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, the African Union mediator, for his tireless efforts and expresses its appreciation for the progress made so far in addressing the outstanding issues that were impeding the full implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis and Accra Agreements;

3. *Expresses* concern over the fact that the Ivorian parties did not demonstrate the necessary political will for the full implementation of the agreements reached on the outstanding issues, in particular the dismantling and disarmament of the militias, disarmament, demobilization and rehabilitation and the creation of conditions for holding free, fair and transparent elections. The Council urges the Ivorian parties to recommit themselves to the peace process, exercise restraint and honour their obligations;

4. *Underlines* the need to review the situation in Côte d'Ivoire before 30 October 2005. In this regard, the Council requests the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) summit to urgently convene to assess the situation with respect to the problems of the implementation of the outstanding agreements and report to a meeting of the Peace and Security Council, to be convened urgently at the summit level, with the participation of ECOWAS leaders, to consider the matter and decide accordingly;

5. *Expresses* its readiness to continue to cooperate with the United Nations on the best ways and means to support and advance the peace process;

6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire.